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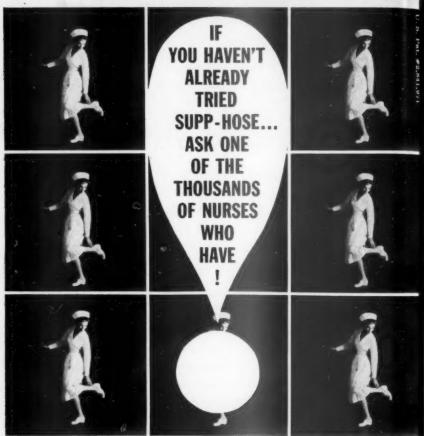
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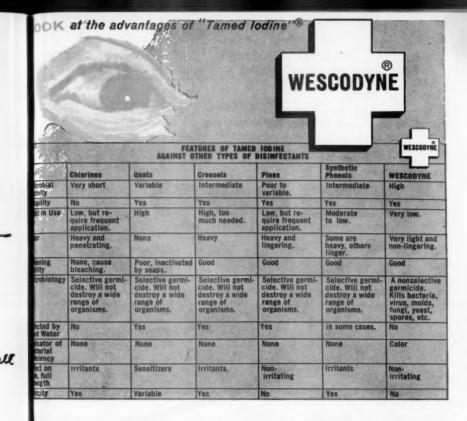
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DEAR EDITOR: As a recent graduate, I am shocked to discover how hospital visitors talk to nurses. It's a disgrace!

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Constance Nidzgorski, R.N. Williston Park, N.Y.

SALUDOS, TWO-YEAR GRADS!

DEAR EDITOR: The only gripe I've heard about the two-year graduates has come from the girls themselves—and it concerns their employment:

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DEAR EDITOR: There's noth more gratifying to me than hon to-goodness bedside duty nothing less gratifying than sit at a desk and shuffling thro charts (unless it's cleaning p and delivering phone message

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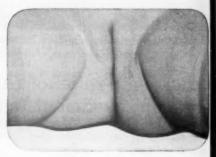
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Among 109 children with recurrent abdominal pain, Dr. Shaiken found twenty-three with ulcers eighteen duodenal and five gastric.

Youngsters who come from ulcer-prone families are the ones most likely to need careful diagnostic study when abdominal pain is chronic, he adds.

Close Hospital Schools, New Jersey Dean Urges

Nursing is "divided against itself" in its educational concept—and it can't hope to qualify as one of the learned professions until all nursing education is on the collegiate level.

That's the gist of the reasoning behind a proposal advanced by Dean Ella V. Stonsby of Rutgers University College of Nursing, Newark, N.J.

Dean Stonsby recommends the appointment of a gubernatorial interim commission to effect the orderly closing of New Jersey's thirty-five hospital schools and the transfer of all basic nursing education to senior colleges and/or universities.

Among other things, the proposed commission would consider the relocation of hospital-school faculties, the establishment of scholarship and recruitment programs, and the possible development of hospital and public health

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facilities as clinical teaching of ters for college students.

The commission, Dean Stons believes, should be composed nurses from both the education and service fields and should headed by a nurse-educator. A it might be guided, she adds, by committee of hospital administ tors, legislators, and prominent tizens.

But, says the dean, the pre quisite to all this is the acceptan by New Jersey nurses of "the pr ciple that preparation for nurs at all levels belongs in the institions of higher learning."

Two-Ply O.R. Drapes Found Risky

When O.R. drapes—commotwo layers of surgical linen—come wet, bacteria may reach sterile field, says a New York St. Medical College research team.

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students, predicts the regent of the University of the State of New York. And, unless something is done to keep pace with the expected rise in enrollment, the shortage of facilities will affect nearly 3,400 by 1970, his report adds.

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The institute also hopes to determine to what degree atmospheric conditions affect accident and suicide rates, the incidence of crime, and the behavior patterns of youngsters and grown-ups.

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Dermabrasion, a cancer-preventive technique, appears to combine medical treatment with beauty culture. So, in effect, says Dr. Samuel Ayres III in a report to the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology.

Microscopic examination of weather-beaten skin shows degenerative changes in connective tissue fibers, he reports. But these changes disappear, he adds, once the skin has been surgically planed. The result: youthful skin.

Precancerous skin lesions, says the dermatologist, occur most often in fair-skinned, blue-eyed persons long exposed to a great deal of sunlight. Dermabrasion, he explains, removes sunlight-damaged skin, including any precancerous lesions that may be present, before weather-beaten "sailor's skin" can become cancerous.

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Nurses and doctors in Red Chin are reportedly learning to be "we rounded Communists" by takin over each other's jobs.

A recent broadcast, monitored from the Chinese Communist rad and reported by Dr. Howard & Rusk in The New York Times, describes doctors at a Peiping host tall as "serving food, bathing patients, and carrying bedpans, which the nurses examine patients, main diagnoses, and do major surgery

The hospital's janitors, Dr. Ru adds, are described as "taking ter whenever he starts to

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Death From the Hospital Nursery'

Under the above title, printed in blood red ink, the Ladies' Home Journal hit the newsstands las month with an article that un doubtedly raised the blood pres sure of American mothers. Sub ject: staph infection in hospita nurseries.

Quoting liberally from medica publications, the article's author Gladys Denny Shultz, gives frightening account of a situation long familiar to nurses. Excerpts

"A new, virulent organism ha arisen within the antiseptic wall of the hospitals."

"Staph . . . claimed the lives of seventeen babies at the Houston Texas, city-county hospital in. two and a half months."

"In maternity wards, breast fed babies transfer the infection to their mothers . . . In one big-cit hospital, eighteen new mother died in a single month from flu and hospital staph."

Implicit in the article is a ple To for abolition of the central nursery Rooming-in gets an approving nod but special stress is placed or nurse-midwife-attended home de liveries as the best possible solu

"It must be remembered," say

an accompanying editorial note, res, giv that the lowest maternal death ays, and rate ever recorded in this country nd lung is that maintained for years by the Chicago Maternity Center at home deliveries in Chicago slums. During the last three-year span, 9,000 home deliveries were conducted by inted in the center without a single mater-' Home nal death." nds las

Opposition to home deliveries can be expected, says the author, from doctors—as well as from official nursing organizations who are unable "to agree on the kind of prior training and degree . . . nurse-midwives should receive."

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Meanwhile, Journal readers are urged to check their hospitals for infection-control programs, rooming-in facilities, and overcrowding of nurseries—and, if dissatisfied with conditions, to "ask your doctor to let you have a home delivery, rovided you can have comfortable sursing help, and no serious complications are expected."

Readers are also urged: "Do mything you can to encourage more schools for nurse-midwives and the] entrance of young womminto this work."

leaders Pay Tribute To Miss Roberts

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In comments such as these, the profession's leaders [More on 86]



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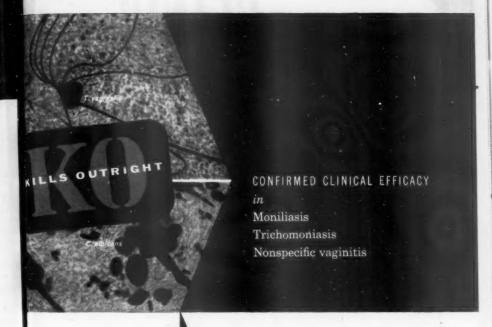
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Continuous Urine Specimens From Infants

By Virginia Silvis, R.N.

You may have been frustrated as our nurses used to be—when trying to collect continuous urine specimens from infants. If so, let me tell you about a simple, effective means we've found of dealing with this problem.

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We experimented at first with all sorts of methods—such as taping a receptacle to the infant, using plastic disposable diapers, and placing the infant on a metabolic mattress (one with a small hole in the center and a Buchner funnel beneath it).

But none of these procedures was satisfactory. Here are some of the difficulties we encountered with them:

Specimens were lost through leakage around the receptacle. Adhesive plaster irritated the infant's skin. Urine was contaminated by stool. And often the child had to be restrained.

Finally, we were fortunate

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enough to find a method that eliminates urine loss and minimizes the disadvantages of the other methods. Here are the facts about it:

What You'll Need

Equipment needed consists of two plastic ileostomy drainage bags, one-inch adhesive tape, a collection bottle, half-gallon tincture of benzoin, cotton applicators, and a metabolic mattress.

You start with the preparation of the two ileostomy bags (see the illustration on the opposite page).

After the bags have been readied as directed, you then proceed as follows:

- 1. Place the baby (in the supine position, with legs apart) on the metabolic mattress.
- 2. Clean and dry the genital area.
- 3. With cotton applicators, apply tincture of benzoin whereever the adhesive will touch the skin. (This protects the skin and increases adhesion.)
- 4. Remove the paper from the adhesive oval.
- 5. Insert your arm into the bag through the bottom opening. Then, with your fingers, press

the adhesive oval around the tinctured genital area. Be sure to keep the lower portion of the adhesive oval anterior to the child' anus.

- 6. Hold the adhesive in place for about a minute. The adhesive must stick firmly to the perine um, since urine is most likely to collect there and dampen the adhesive.
- 7. Lower the open end of the bag through the hole in the mat tress and into the collection bot tle under the crib. If the bag i too short, put a stool under the bottle.
- 8. Keep the infant's buttock away from the hole in the mat tress to prevent stool contamina tion.
- 9. Change the bag and cleans the baby's genital area at leas once every 24 hours.

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In a recent study of a month-old female, urine was co lected for twenty days. Th baby's skin showed very little it ritation, and total urine loss for the period was only 100 m Also: Restraint was not neede and our procedure enabled us to.h. give the little one the necessary, T T.L.C.

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Tuck the bottom section of Bag 1 part way inside Bag 2.

Then tape the two bags together with one-inch adhesive.

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A New Voice for the LARYNGECTOMIZED

The patient who's had a laryngectomy can regain his gift of speech. But he needs your help

By John McClear

ill I ever talk again?"
There's a quiver in the voice

of the patient scheduled for a laryngectomy. And no wonder. The very vocal cords he uses to ask the question are about to be taken from him.

Fortunately, the answer to his question is yes. He will be able to talk again. He can develop a new voice—an esophageal voice.

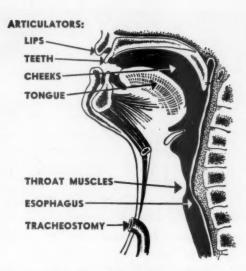
Learning how to do this can begin about ten days after his operation. You will already have taught him how to care for his tracheostomy. He will have learned that this opening into hi and trachea is necessary so that, wit He his larynx removed, he carbreathe.

You will also have taught him how to suction his trachea and how to care for his laryngectom tube. So, he'll know his operation hasn't left him helpless.

Then, with his self-confidence strengthened, the patient will be ready to start developing his new esophageal voice—assuming, of course, that the surgeon sees no contraindication for doing so.

The first step in the process i

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to **PRODUCE** esophageal voice, the laryngectomized patient locks tongue against back of upper front teeth and swallows, trapping air in throat into his and upper esophagus. Air vibrates as he forces it out past throat muscles. that, with the uses articulators to form vibrating air into syllables.

author John McClear (right) gives Student Fred Bozzone his first esolight him phageal voice lesson. Former Student Elizabeth Breare, R.N., takes rethea and resher notes as she looks on.

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NURSE BREARE'S EXPERIENCE with laryngectomy makes it easy for her to teach tracheostomy care. She's showing Mr. Bozzone how to cover his tracheostomy with a protective gauze square.

ADDRESSING A GROUP presents no problems for laryngectomized Author McClear. Here he explains to a class of fellow laryngectomy "graduates" the anatomy that enables them to learn to talk again.



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When he's mastered the first owel, the patient learns the ther vowels, then the consonts, then syllables. After about tirty lessons (the number varies ith each patient), he may well able to pronounce as many as 20 syllables a minute.

Your job is to get the patient

to talk. He needs the practice and assurance that a nurse who's a willing and interested listener can give him. He must not be allowed to become dependent upon sign language or pencil and paper. This takes plenty of patience on your part and his.

A New Sound

The patient's esophageal voice will be deeper and may sound quite unlike his natural voice. But by encouraging him to talk, you get him used to the sound of his new voice and you bolster his confidence.

Once he's mastered the technique, your patient will find that life isn't the different and difficult thing he feared it would be. He won't have to depend on special gadgets or devices to produce a voice for him. He'll even be able to talk on the telephone.

Thanks to the Nurse

I've taught some thousand patients how to develop an esophageal voice, and I know what it means to them to be able to speak again. I also know that an understanding nurse can help a laryngectomized patient realize that it is speech, not silence, that is golden.

MEETING YOUR PATIENTS' RELIGIOUS NEEDS



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When today's nurse ministers only to her patients' physical needs she's giving less than total patient-care. This article and handy chart help you recognize and respond to spiritual needs as well

By Clare Phillips, R.N.

Authentication of the statements made in this article and in the chart (see pages 46-47, 50-51, and 54-55) was obtained from The Catholic Hospital Association, the Council on Clinical Training, the Department of Pastoral Services of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and the Chaplaincy Commission of the New York Board of Rabbis

The Protestant pre-op patient at Catholic Hospital was extremely nervous. Finally her nurse asked her if she wouldn't like to see a minister. When she gladly said yes, the nurse made arrangements. The minister soon arrived and spent half an hour with the patient and gave her communion.

His visit seemed to work wonders. The patient went into surgery composed and confident.

At Municipal Hospital a new diabetic patient refused to accept the first tray of food brought to him to start a strict diet. The supervisor was about to call his doctor when she thought to check the 'patient's registration card. Learning that he was an observant* Jew, she immediately as-

sured him that only kosher foods would be included in his diet. He happily accepted a fresh tray at once.

In the maternity ward of the same hospital, a Catholic mother gratefully pressed the hand of her nurse. Both she and her family were greatly comforted because the nurse had remembered to baptize her still-born son.

In each of these instances the nurse understood the vital role religion plays in the lives of many of her patients. She understood that spiritual help is often of great therapeutic value. She further understood that such help most often comes through a careful observance of the religious beliefs and rites embraced by each patient.

Most hospital administrators now accept the idea that complete patient-care should include

The term observant used in this article and in the accompanying chart describes those Jews, both Orthodox and Conservative, who adhere to the traditional body of Jewish ritual.

RELIGIOUS RITES CHECK-LIST

PRECEPTS GENERAL

Protestant

Emergency baptism should be performed on all Protestant infants in danger of death, with the exception of Baptists and Disciples of Christ. If possible, a baptized sor. If none is available, anyone person should be present as sponpresent may serve as a witness. It's a basic ritual among all Jews on the eighth day after birth. (Circumcision of an infant in poor health may be postponed.) If the baby is still in the hospital on the eighth day, the father or another member of the family will want to consult a rabbi with regard to the that male babies be circumcised Jewish infants aren't baptized . . .

Roman Catholic

Emergency baptism must be conferred on every Catholic infant in probable danger of development, unless it is certainly dead. For death; on every monstrosity; on every stillborn and aborted fetus, whatever its stage of purposes of baptism the only certain sign of death is noticeable corruption. A baptized fetus should be buried in a Catholic cemetery.

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| WHAT TO PREPARE | Nothing. | A glass of warm water, a spoon, and absorbent cotton, | In most cases, a glass of warm water and absorbent cotton; for baptism in utero, a sterile syringe with sterile water and a sponge; for an aborted fetus, a basin of warm water. | |
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careful attention to the patients' religious needs. They recognize clergymen as full-fledged members of the therapeutic team.

Some hospitals have resident chaplains; others don't. In either case a carefully worked out plan can help meet the religious needs of patients of all faiths. Here's how such a plan is usually developed:

First, the hospital administrator secures a church directory of the community, usually available from the Chamber of Commerce or a church association. Next, a committee from the hospital, including nursing supervisors, meets with clergymen of the principal local faiths. They work out a guide to cover the needs of patients in each religious group.

This guide is discussed at a staff conference. It's then added to the ward procedure book. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of clergymen who've agreed to be on call are included.

A plan such as this makes good sense. But not every hospital has one that's as well organized. To help fill the gap, RN offers the accompanying chart.

The items in this chart may be considered as standing orders. In addition, clergymen of all faiths recommend certain general principles. An experienced hospital chaplain, talking to a nurse, might put it this way:

"Remember that the clergy-man's visit should be arranged to give the patient the most help possible. For example, if the patient's on the critical list and you think my visit will alarm him, let me know at the door. I can then handle the situation properly.

"If possible, I like to visit the patient while he's conscious. And I like to talk to him while he's rational.

"I'd appreciate it very much if you'd withhold any routine narcotic injections until after I leave. But if the patient's in extreme pain, it would be cruelty in the name of religion to withhold comfort.

"If the patient's a stranger, it's best for the duty nurse responsible for him to meet me on arrival. She can give me a brief run-down on his condition. We can then decide, on the basis of her understanding, whether he'll want the privacy of screens or curtains during my visit. And she can introduce me to the patient.

"It's very helpful if the nurse records the date and time of my visit, my name, and any rituals or

"Man has always stood in need of the spiritual help that his own religion held out to him."

So writes Psychiatrist Carl Jung in "Modern Man in Search of a Soul." And with this statement many an experienced nurse whole-heartedly agrees. She's found that it's important to her patients' welfare that she be alert to a confusing variety of religious beliefs. Consider these, for example:

Seventh Day Adventists eat no meat or fish . . .

Jehovah's Witnesses usually refuse surgery, blood transfusions, and the like . . .

Eastern Orthodox and Polish National Catholics ask for a priest not only of their own faith but of their own nationality . . .

Some "devout" agnostics and atheists resent the presence of a chaplain or clergyman of any faith.

Realizing the importance of meeting religious needs, RN has compiled the accompanying chart for handy reference. In this chart are listed the basic rites of the three major religions in the U.S. Here are other basic points to remember about each of these religions:

(1) Judaism. This includes Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform branches, each varying in its observances. So you'll want to find out which group your

Jewish patient belongs to.

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(2) Protestant. This embraces dozens of denominations with varying theological beliefs. Among them are the so-called "bridge" churches: Episcopalian, Lutheran, and Moravian. While generally referred to as Protestant, such churches actually stand between Protestantism and Catholicism. Their members greatly prefer clergymen of their own church.

(3) Roman Catholic. This church has no subdivisions. The Eastern Orthodox, Polish National Catholic,

and Anglo-Catholic are separate churches.

By learning the rites listed in this chart, you'll be better able to give religious help to all your patients. And you'll have the satisfaction of knowing you can respond promptly and effectively to spiritual needs as well as to physical needs.

More

Check-List of Religious Rites (Continued)

PRECEPTS GENERAL

When a Jewish patient dies in the sible member of the Jewish com-

hospital, a rabbi, or some responmunity, will make proper arrangements for burial . . . Since many Jews are opposed to autopsy for

Protestant

Protestant denominations Those that do, administer them before death. There's no moral obobserve last sacraments. jection to autopsy among most Protestants. don't

Roman Catholic

Every Roman Catholic should receive the last sacraments (penance, Communion, and extreme unction) before death. But penance and extreme unction can be administered conditionally up to several hours after medical death has occurred. The patient's body should not be wrapped in a shroud until after the last rites have been administered . . . There's no cordance with the provisions of civil law . . . The deceased Catholic patient should be given Catholic burial . . . When there are no relamoral objection to autopsy performed in actives to claim the body, the Catholic chaplain, or pastor of the parish in which the death occurred, should be asked to arrange for burial.

community, should discuss the

ceased's family.

religious reasons, a rabbi, or some responsible member of the Jewish matter of autopsy with the deNotify a rabbi or some responsible member of the Jewish community. Provide routine care for the body after death, as prescribed by your hospital.

Nothing.

WHAT TO

PREPARE

Nothing.

Call a minister. Provide routine care for the body after death, as prescribed by your hospital. Place arms at the sides, or fold them;

Call a priest. When he's finished his ministrations, provide routine care for the body after death as prescribed by your hospital.

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be harmful, observant Jews may Except where postponement may not want to undergo surgery on the Sabbath (after sundown Friday to after sundown Saturday) or on Holy days.

PRECEPTS GENERAL

Protestant

Prayer and pastoral counseling are usually welcome to Protestant patients who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Members of the "bridge" churches (Episcopalians, Lutherans, Moravians) may want the sacraments of Holy Communion, penance, and unction.

Roman Catholic

Patients in certain danger of death are obliged Communion, and extreme unction. They're entitled to receive extreme unction even when doesn't require previous fasting . . . Major to receive the sacraments of penance, Holy danger of death is only probable. (A hospital's "critical list" designation is roughly equivalent to the theological concept of probable danger of death.) . . . Viaticum (Holy Communion for those in danger of death) amputated members should, if reasonably possible, be buried in consecrated ground. Call a priest, if possible, before any sedatives are administered and while the patient is still conscious. Try to arrange complete pri-

Call a minister, preferably one of the patient's own denomination,

Call a rabbi.

WHAT TO DO

who will tell you what to prepare.

vacy for confession (penance) . . . Elevate patient slightly for Communion. Arrange bed covers so that patient's feet may be easily un-For Communion, a table covered with a white cloth, preferably of linen; a spoon; glass straw; glass of water; crucifix; holy water and ritual; two candles (these shouldn't be lit if fire laws prohibit). For extreme unction, covered for anointing.

For Holy Communion, a table cov-

ered with a clean cloth and whatever else the minister suggests,

such as a glass of water.

add six small balls of cotton on a dish (these should afterwards be disposed of by burning separately from ordinary hospital refuse).

WHAT TO PREPARE

A copy of the Jewish Holy Scriptures and a Jewish prayer book, written in both Hebrew and Eng-

MEETING PATIENTS' RELIGIOUS NEEDS

rites I perform. I need this for my parish records. I also need to know the date and time of any emergency baptisms. This record should include the names of the mother and father and of the doctor or nurse who performed the rite.

"In general, all clergymen on call want to be notified of admissions, births, deaths, and scheduled operations—either direct or by having access to hospital records.

"One of the most important services you as a nurse can render is to notify the clergyman at once when a death occurs. He'll tell you if there's an immediate rite he should perform. "In summary: Please do your best to anticipate the patient's spiritual needs. Even if he doesn't ask for a clergyman, it's usually wise to summon on when he seems overly anxious about a personal matter, when a serious operation is scheduled or when there's danger of death."

Religious convictions are deep-rooted. The nurse who conscientiously works with such convictions and not against them, often finds new joy in her tasks. For she sees the results in the behavior of her patients: namely, less fear, more peace—and occasionally the silent thanks of the man or woman who meets death without protest.



This observant Jew is concerned at the prospect of undergoing a G.I. series on a Holy Day. "We'll try to have it postponed at least until the third day of Passover," promises the rabbi.

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Spiritual comfort often wears a mundane cloak. Here a Protestant chaplain assures a longterm ward patient that his rent's paid and there's food in the family larder.



Her parish priest administers Holy
Communion to a Catholic woman facing
surgery. Her nurse knows she'll be easy to
prep, after receiving the sacrament. More

Check-List of Religious Rites (Continued)

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SPECIAL RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

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copies of the Jewish Holy Scriptures and Jewish prayer books, written in both Hebrew and English,
should be available for Jewish patients . . . If the patient or his family requests, the Sabbath and Jewish Holy Days should be kept free
offer treatments and procedures that
can be postponed without injury.

Protestant

Communion and baptism (penance and unction in the case of the "bridge" churches) are administered at the bedside when requested by the patient. For Communion, offer to hold the patient's breakfast until after the ceremony.

Roman Catholic

Holy Communion is often administered to sometimes daily. Except for those in danger Catholic patients on Sunday morning and of death (who are subject to no obligation of fasting before Communion), those who are to receive Communion are required to observe "the eucharistic fast," Plain water never vioeven though not in danger of death, are althe time of receiving Communion. But they're beforehand certain dietary rules known as lates the eucharistic fast. Those who are sick, lowed to take medicine (either liquid or solid) and/or any non-alcoholic drink up to required to abstain from solid food and alcoholic beverages for three hours immediately prior to Communion.

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Tewish

Observant Jews eat only Kosher (permissible) meat, fish, and darry products. These are prepared in utensils and served in dishes that have been cleaned and kept separate in a ritually preseribed mansarb patients with a protein substitute diet, served on paper plates. Sittue diet, served on paper plates.

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Protestant

Many Protestants observe rules of fasting (only one full meal a day) and abstinence (no meat). It's wise to ask the patient about special dictary rules he prefers to follow, then check with his doctor to see.

Roman Catholic

On all Fridays and on certain other days of the year, Catholics from the age of seven are required to abstain entirely from meat. (On certain other days, partial abstinence obtains circ, meat is permitted only at the one princcipal meal.) The truly sick will often be ex-

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If the patient's medical diet requires him to have milk and meat
products at the same meal, serve
the milk products first. During
Passover, the observant Jew will
not eat leavened products or drink
liquids containing grain alcohol.

When dietary problems arise, it's
advisable to call a rabbit to discuss
the matter with the patient.

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Catholies perveen the ages of twenty-one and fifty-nine are subject to the law of fasting. This law doesn't apply to the genuinely sick for whom fasting would be detrimental or exceptionally difficult. It may be taken as a practical rule that patients in hospitals are exempted from this obligation. In case of doubt, consult the doctor and a priest.

HOW TO ADDRESS THE CLERGY

Jewish

Rabbi.

Protestant

Mister or Doctor. When in doubt,
Mister (never Reverend). Lutheran
ministers are usually called Pastor. Many Episcopal priests are
called Father.

Father.

Roman Catholic

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NURSES ON STAMPS

Whether or not you're a collector, here's striking evidence of your profession's growing prestige:
Nation after nation in recent years has recognize the nurse's importance by issuing a stamp in her honor. Pictured here are twenty issues that philatelists say would give you a fine start on a collection of "nurses on stamps."





















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Poisonings

How You Can Help Prevent Them

By Morton J. Rodman, Ph.D.

The doctor at the other end of the telephone line names a household detergent and asks: "What's in it that's toxic?"

"One moment, Doctor," says the R.N. at the poison-control center. Four quick strides and the's at a card file. Her deft fingers flip a few cards; she plucks one out. Back at her desk, she picks up the phone and looks at the card as she speaks:

"Its only toxic ingredient is resylic acid, 3 per cent. Shall give you the other ingredients and the recommended treatment?"

"Yes. Go ahead," says the doctor. He's calling from the home of a 2-year-old girl who

got hold of a bottle of the detergent and drank some.

Digging up information doctors need to treat patients who have swallowed poison is but one function of nurses at poison-control centers in hospitals throughout the country. Another function is to teach people how to avoid accidental poisonings.

Opportunity for such teaching is, of course, not limited to poison-control-center personnel. You can spread the word, too. And your ounce of prevention may well be worth more than any pound of cure.

Statistics on accidental poisonings make it clear that prevention is needed in wholesale

THE AUTHOR is a consultant to the U. S. Public Health Service Accident Prevention Prosam and an adviser to the New York City Poison Control Center and the New Jersey State Department of Health. lots. Approximately 1,500 people died in 1957 after accidentally swallowing substances not intended for human consumption. Countless others were rushed to hospital emergency rooms.

Nearly a third of the victims were youngsters under 4 years old. In fact, poisons kill more children than all the following diseases put together: diphtheria, polio, scarlet fever, whooping cough, German measles, and rheumatic fever.

Yet many cases of poisoning aren't even recognized or reported. Often, that's because no one saw the youngster take the poison. Another reason is that symptoms of some poisonings are similar to those of other illnesses.

Lead encephalitis, for example, may be diagnosed as polio. Lung inflammation caused by kerosene may be called pneumonia. Arsenic's effects may be mistaken for those of an acute gastroenteritis caused by bacteria.

But fatalities are only a small percentage of all poison cases. For every child who dies, many more are left crippled for life.

One swallow of lye, for example, may destroy the esophagus. Eating a couple of mercury bichloride disinfectant tablets can damage kidneys beyond repair. And drinking cleaning fluid that contains solvents like carbon tetrachloride often causes permanent liver injury.

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It happened at the aircraft plant where I was an industrial nurse. The doctor in charge was young but extremely serious and businesslike. One day he was giving a routine physical to a new employe, a young lady who obviously distrusted the whole procedure.

When the doctor started to place his stethoscope inside her low-necked blouse, it was just too much for her. Angrily, she pushed his hand away and shrilled, "Say, whaddya think this is—ya birthday?"

—R.N., WASHINGTON

The New Female Sex Hormones



By Morton J. Rodman, PH.D.

Biochemistry still has a long way to go before the chemists are able to say to those marvelous, minute chemical producers, the endocrine glands: "I can do anything better than you can."

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But at least the endocrine chemists are making bold progress in that direction. For they're now producing a family of synthetic progestogens that are much more powerful than progesterone itself. These steroids, together with certain other new uterine-relaxing hormones, already are showing remarkable results.

Properly administered, these two families of hormones can:

¶ Prevent pregnancy or help to maintain pregnancy;

¶ Prevent or control severe menstrual pain and irregular or excessive bleeding;

¶ Prevent habitual abortion;

¶ Prevent premature labor and promote shorter labor.

To understand how the new synthetics do their work, we need to "go to class" for a moment and review the endocrine mechanism of the menstrual cycle and of pregnancy.

Essentially, the uterus is in-

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fluenced by two types of ovarian hormones: estrogen and progesterone. Here's what happens to produce the progesterone, in which we're interested:

Steps in Its Production

1. During the first half of the menstrual cycle, the anterior pituitary gland secretes certain gonadotropic hormones.

2. These cause the ovarian follicle to mature and to release

its egg.

3. After ovulation, the gonadotropic hormones convert the ruptured follicle into a corpus luteum.

4. A second pituitary secretion, the luteotropic hormone (LTH), stimulates the corpus luteum to secrete progesterone.

5. Progesterone prepares the endometrium for receiving and nourishing the ovum. Under the hormone's influence, the uterine mucosa grows rich with blood and glandular secretions. The fertilized egg attaches itself and begins to grow.

6. Later in pregnancy—near the end of the third month—the placenta takes over to secrete still more progesterone. Now, the hormone has a quieting effect on the myometrium, the uterine

muscle. This keeps the myometrium from contracting and causing loss of the fetus. dizz

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Here, then, is the mechanism into which the doctor introduces the new synthetics. He may use them to influence the stages prior to progesterone production. Or, more commonly, he may use them as an immediate substitute for progesterone in case of a deficiency.

A New Contraceptive

A controlled experiment with the new norethynodrel (Enovid) provides a startling example of the contraceptive effect that such drugs may have. This steroid, given orally, interferes with gonadotropin production of the pituitary gland. Without gonadotropic stimulation, the ovaries fail to produce ova. Without ovulation, obviously, there can be no pregnancy.

For more than two years, patients in Puerto Rico have been taking a daily tablet of norethynodrel on twenty days of each month, as an oral contraceptive. Not a single pregnancy has occurred among those who've followed instructions.

Some quit the experiment because of nausea, headache, and dizziness. But most have reportedly found the drug safe and acceptable.

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Women already pregnant apparently aren't harmed by norethynodrel. The fetus continues its normal development.

More study is needed, of course, before the drug's safety and reliability as a contraceptive can be proved. In the meantime, it and other steroids are being used to relieve dysmenorrhea.

By preventing ovulation, they may prove a monthly boon to millions of women who are now plagued by severe cramps.

Norethynodrel has also been highly successful in treating functional uterine bleedingthe kind that occurs without any organic cause. In menorrhagia (excessive bleeding during a regular menstrual period) a single tablet sometimes controls the flow. In metrorrhagia (ir-

Corpus Luteum Hormones—Natural and Synthetic

Progestational Hormones (Progestins or Progestogens)

The proprietary name or ayronym of each drug appears in parentheses following the official, deneric, or chemical name.

Progesterone, U.S.P. (Lutocylin, Progestin, Proluton, et al.)

Ethisterone, U.S.P. (Lutocylol, Pranone)

Hydroxyprogesterone caproate, N.N.R. (Delalutin)

Hydroxyprogesterone acetate, N.N.R. (Prodox)

Norethindrone (Norlutin)

Norethynodrel (Enovid¹)

6 methyl-17-acetoxyprogesterone (Provera²)

9 bromo-11-ketoprogesterone (Braxarone²)

Non-Progestational Uterine-Relaxing Hormones

Lututrin, N.N.R. (Lutrexin) Relaxin (Releasin, Cervilaxin)

¹This product actually contains norethynodrel plus a small amount of added estrogen. 2These products are still on clinical trial.

regular profuse bleeding) a daily dose may be needed for a week or ten days. This may first increase the flow as the drug does a sort of "medical curettage."
But later, bleeding stops and the normal menstrual cycle returns.
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New Oral Drug Helps Diabetes Control

By Morton J. Rodman, Ph.D.

Scientists have taken a second important step toward oral control of diabetes. And further progress is expected soon.

First break-through in this vital field came with the marketing of tolbutamide (Orinase). Now chlorpropamide (Diabinese) is available. This drug, closely related to tolbutamide, has high potency and long-lasting action. Chlorpropamide works in an hour. One dose drops blood glucose to a low level, keeps it there for 24 hours or more.

It works best for adults with mild to moderate diabetes that diet alone can't control. Four out of five patients on chlorpropamide can get along without any Insulin. Others can cut their Insulin intake to less than half.

Its drawbacks? It doesn't help patients who develop diabetes in childhood, those with unstable or "brittle" diabetes, those who need large daily doses of Insulin.

The doctor must be alert to overdosage dangers, especially during early days of treatment. And small daily doses are recommended to reduce the possibility of side effects.

Even so, chlorpropamide is a valuable new medical tool. And doctors already are testing still newer oral diabetes drugs such as metahexamide (Euglycin) and phenformin (DBI). Maybe one of these will come even closer to being the long-sought oral substitute for Insulin. END

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Big Sains in a Small War

By Marjorie Ressel, R.N.

Still another deadly child-killer—cystic fibrosis—is beginning to be brought under control.

Twenty years ago, when this disease was first identified, most of its victims died early in infancy. Now, the majority of the 7,000 babies it attacks annually survive infancy; and some survive into their teens and twenties.

What accounts for all this? Three things, say the experts: early detection, continued treatment, and research.

Early detection has been beset by diagnostic difficulties. The usual symptoms (chronic cough; dyspnea; slow and inadequate weight-gain; and bulky, foulsmelling diarrhea) can also be associated with other conditions —such as asthma, bronchitis, celiac disease, or bronchopneumonia.

But diagnostic mistakes are no longer justifiable. Today, cystic fibrosis suspects can be screened quickly by a simple test based on the fact that its victims excrete an unusually high concentration of salt in their sweat.

The cause of the disease is still unknown. So current treatment is aimed at relieving its symptoms. Most of these are associated with the phenomenally thickened secretions of the mucous glands. This gummy mucus not only clogs the respiratory tract, leading to obstruction and infection, but cuts off digestive enzymes from the pancreas by clogging the ducts.

Antibiotics given by mouth

and by aerosol against infection limit respiratory trouble. A highprotein, low-fat diet, supplemented with pancreatic enzymes, aids digestion and helps overcome the pancreatic deficiency. And because these children have a tendency to heat prostration (due to rapid loss of body salt), extra salt intake (2 to 4 gm. a day) is recommended. General supportive therapy rounds out the program.

More and more victims of cystic fibrosis are reaching adolescence. So the prognosis is not hopeless for those who survive infancy.

Getting Along With The Small Fry

By Deane Armstrong, R.N.

Your first contact with a child is critical. As you size him up, he's sizing you up, too. If you put on an act, he'll detect it at once.

My method is to ignore him at first, especially if he's shy. Then I make a bid for his confidence.

How? Usually, I take my cue from him. When he makes his first move, I respond at once—but with restraint. No baby talk, no gush; just quiet, genuine friend-liness. I say relatively little. But what I do say I try to make him believe.

He soon learns that when I say "This won't hurt," it won't. If it's going to hurt, I tell him so—with no hint of apology in my voice. I smile if that's what he seems to want. I never try to bribe him. I may put my arms around him, but not till I'm sure he won't dislike it.

A child won't get bored if you keep your voice low, speak clearly, and really convey something.

Plant the idea of discipline firmly at the start—then stay with it. The child will almost always do his part.

My Lamp Is Relighted

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BY RUTH T. A. MATHEWS, R.N.

hat goes on here?" I asked myself that first morning. Never had I seen a sight so appalling:

Ward nurses were standing idle while helpless and handicapped patients struggled with their own morning care. Worse still, the nurses were egging the patients on!

"So this is rehabilitation!" I thought, grasping for the first time the peculiar aspect of my new assignment. For here I was—after twenty-one years of traditional hospital routine—suddenly transplanted to a do-it-yourself institution. I was not only literally 1,000 miles from home base but figuratively that far from my basic concept of nursing care.

The whole thing went against my grain. Could I ever watch an invalid try to bathe himself and do nothing to help him? Could I learn to accept this strange principle of self-care?

I doubted it. Yet I had no choice but to try. So I straightened my cap, set my jaw, and plunged in.

Frequent remissions marked my month-long indoctrination. Again and again I had to be reminded to let the patient alone. It was his right, his privilege, I was told, to learn self-care. And I mustn't intervene.

Here was a man trying to brush his dentures (or lace his shoes) with his one useful hand. Here was an amputee struggling to get up after falling to the mat in the corrective therapy clinic. What to do about it? Nothing.

In the dining room there was the inevitable urge to cut a man's meat or butter his bread. But I did not do it. My self-restraint would prove I was learning.

And I was learning. I was beginning to see that self-help,

How Ultrasonic Cleaning Can Youth genera Lighten Your Workload nergy. S

By Vivian L. Legge, R.N.

The sweetest sound to a nurse may be one she can't hear—namely, *ultrasonic sound*. For ultrasonic (inaudible) sound is the cleaning agent used in several new machines that can reportedly get up to 100 surgical instruments or eighty syringes spotless in approximately fifteen minutes. They then need only be wrapped and sterilized

Ordinary washer-sterilizers will generally rid instruments of pathogenic organisms. But protein matter—e.g. dried blood or tissue—hidden in crevices and serrations may remain.

This protein matter not only can be a culture medium for bacteria but also may contain pyrogens that cause reactions if introduced into the blood stream. Ultrasonic cleaning is said to rout out such matter completely.

Here's how you operate a manual-model ultrasonic cleaning machine and what it does:

You lower a basket of instruments into a detergent solution in one of the machine's three compartments. Prerinsing isn't necessary.

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I saw one of my older patients,

once a helpless invalid, rehabilitated enough to leave the hospital. He had been reunited with his family and was now able to care for all his personal needs.

From a nurse's point of view, I, as well as the patient, had been rehabilitated!

an You then flick a switch, sending an electric current into generator where the current is converted into electrical ergy. Stacked nickel plates or titanium crystals (transucers) convert this electrical energy into mechanical pergy. The mechanical energy takes the form of sound aves vibrating so fast they're inaudible to humans.

As the sound waves pass through the detergent bath, can't bimicroscopic bubbles form and implode (collapse inard). This action, called "cavitation," exerts a terrific new

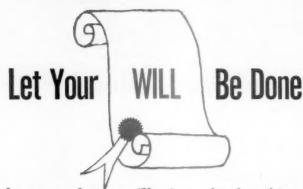
ull that removes every particle of dirt.

You next transfer the basket of instruments to the secnd compartment. There, sprays of hot water rinse away stru te detergent and loose soil.

You then place the instruments in the third and last empartment where hot air blows them dry. tions

To operate an automatic model of the ultrasonic clean-, you place the basket of instruments in the machine's dium ngle compartment and set the controls. The ultrasonic ash-rinse and hot-water spray-rinse proceed automaticly. You can then hot-air dry the instruments in a comanion machine, if necessary.

onid Cavitation or "cold boiling" won't harm delicate glass "sharps." Neither will it harm your hands. You feel nly a slight tingling sensation in them. And when you ee how ultrasonic cleaning can lighten your daily workoad, you may well tingle with pleasure all over.



To the nurse who says, 'I'm just a hard-working R.N. I've got little or no property. I don't need a will,' this lawyer says, 'Don't be too sure! There are dangers in not making a will, even in your case'

By Allan J. Parker, LL.B.

Everyone has a will, really. The only question is whether you and your attorney write it to your own satisfaction, or you let the state write it for you.

If you die without a will (intestate is the lawyer's word), the law simply distributes your property in the way the lawmakers think you would choose. And that's likely to be a far cry from what you really want.

Now for the argument, so of-

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ten heard, that "I haven't property enough to justify making a will."

Maybe you aren't loaded down with stocks and bonds and mortgages. But you probably have something—such as savings, a car, furniture, some life insurance, annuities, or pension-plan credits. Whatever the items, they all may become part of your estate.

"Estate?" you say. Sure. Some-

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me has to pay your bills and disribute what's left. So, if you aven't named an executor (by making a will), the court will apwint one for you. And he'll be aid for his services out of your state, according to a percentage et by law.

The Costly Way

At best, the operation of the aw's will (instead of your own) s likely to be cumbersome and expensive. For example, if you have minor children, a legal guardian will be appointed to act or them. This means court apearances, counsel fees, forms, and red tape-with a resultant drain on the scanty funds of a small estate. Then, too, the court may be obliged, because of blood g a relationship, to appoint Cousin Millie, who never did like your children.

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At worst, the law's distribution of your property may be the exect opposite of what you want. Although statutes vary from state to state, a typical provision gives one-third of a married peron's distributable estate to a surviving husband or wife and twohirds to their children equally. Where there are no children, it all goes to the spouse. The property of a woman without husband or children usually goes to her parents, with brothers and sisters sometimes sharing.

Take the case of a nurse I'll call Mary Babcock. Widowed early, she returned to nursing to support her two children. Through judicious investment of a little money left to her by an aunt, she was able to accumulate a fair nest egg for retirement. But in middle age she nursed and subsequently married a well-todo contractor. They lived contentedly for some years, until one night their car tangled with a telephone pole.

Mary was killed instantly. Her husband survived a few days. Neither left a will. Their property consisted of joint bank accounts, a jointly owned home, and her personal savings jointly held. The entire estate went to the legal heirs of the husband, bypassing the nurse's own children.

What You Must Decide

Once you realize the importance of making a will, you'll find yourself asking many questions on which you need professional advice before deciding:

Should I leave my property equally to my children? Or should I consider their unequal needs and earning power?

Should I specify who's to get the Persian rug, Aunt Caroline's pearl pin, and the family silver? Or is this likely to lead to complications and bad feelings, if the pin is lost before my death?

Should I make provision for what's to happen if I die in a common disaster with my mother? Whom should I appoint as trustee or guardian for my adopted daughter?

Consider all such questions carefully. Talk them over with your family and your lawyer. For even though the law allows you to write your own will, the best advice is: *Don't*.

True, that printed form on sale

at the stationery store, the sample will shown in that legal text-book you saw in the library, and that copy of Uncle Dan's will in your files were all drawn up by lawyers. But in no case was the lawyer your lawyer. So he didn't have your problems and your family in mind any more than the intestacy laws do.

In other words, as far as wills are concerned, the do-it-yourself idea is a risky one. Some states, for example, require two witnesses, others require three.

Again, extreme care is needed in changing a will: You can't just scratch out a few words and insert new ones. To do so may sometimes even invalidate the whole document. [More on 84] I'm

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The patient's complaint was ulcerative colitis of many years' standing. For the edification of another patient in the clinic, he was describing the drastic operations he'd had. "First they took out a whole loop of upper intestine, then about two feet of lower," he said, dolefully. "And just last year they had to chop out some more."

The second patient clucked sympathetically. "What would you say you had left? A semicolon—or just a comma?"

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You Can't Turn Back the Clock

Better forget about nursing's 'good old days' and think about its future, this nurse warns

By Martha Dudley, R.N.

I'm getting pretty weary of hearing my middle-aged contemporaries repeat that "nurses today just aren't trained the way they were in my day."

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Of course they aren't. And a good thing, too!

I'd be the first to admit that the old hospital training system had its strong points. It was strong, for example, on discipline. You either learned to do things right or you weren't graduated.

The old system was also strong on T.L.C. Students learned that "the patient comes first"—not only in theory but in practice.

But what were nursing students then really taught to do? Not much more than aides do now: TPRs, bedmaking, back-rubs, tray-passing, pillow-plumping. They needed to know little if anything about drugs. As for I.V.s, oxygen, and Wangensteens, who'd ever have guessed then that anything so technical could possibly concern the nurse?

For its day, perhaps, the clinical instruction sufficed—at least in the better schools connected with large hospitals. But only a fraction of students were enrolled in such schools. Instead, thousands were learning to give baths and enemas in small, local hospitals where the phrase "training school" was—to put it mildly—a misnomer.

In many of these small hospi-

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HOMESICK FOR 'THE GOOD OLD DAYS'? Then pause for a glance at this O.R. nurse at Manhattan's Bellevue Hospital in 1885. Would you really change places?

tals the admission requirements weren't much stiffer than Woolworth's. What was taught could have been learned in a year. Often the entire nursing course was simply a form of exploitation. Hospitals used students for three years to do jobs they now pay aides and maids to do.

In the mid-Twenties the idea of school accreditation took hold. This spelled doom for the small training schools. Hundreds of them closed their doors.

Then, "quickie" courses in practical nursing sprang up. "Become a nurse in six months," their promoters advertised. Before you could say Florence Nightingale, they were doing a land-office business.

When the "quickie" courses

reached racket proportions, professional nursing finally woke up. The National League of Nursing Education (now the National League for Nursing) cooperated generously with the founders of the National Association for Practical Nurse Education. The American Nurses Association and its state affiliates helped push for state licensure of practical nurses, and urged recognition of state-approved practical nursing schools. And the N.A.P.N.E. itself conducted and won a court fight against one of the most offensive of the correspondence schools.

Meanwhile, the degree program had emerged. More and more colleges were offering B.S.-R.N. training combined in four

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or five years. Simultaneously, hospitals had begun to replace bedside R.N.s with practical nurses, to train volunteers as aides, and to shunt diplomaschool graduates into desk jobs—where, sooner or later, they'd compete with incoming degree nurses.

Then along came the two-year junior-college program to add still another level of training.

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ly no sense at all. The "good old days" are gone forever. We can't turn back the clock. So we may as well face facts.

The degree nurse, the L.P.N., and the two-year graduate are all here to stay. Their numbers bespeak their influence. Each fills a need.

So where do we go from here? I don't know. But I do know this:

The only way we'll find the answer is by looking forward—not backward.

The Walrus and the Carpenter' Revisited (With apologies to Lewis Carroll)

"The time has come," the doctor said, "to speak of many things:

Of nurses' changing notions; of their atrophying wings;

Of why they're neither what they were nor what they'd like to be;

Of why they think they've got to have that overstressed degree.

The time has come, in other words, for reconsideration, Lest nurses ruin nursing in their yen for higher station."

"The time has come," the nurse replied, "to strike a compromise:

Regard us, Sir, as people—and we'll measure up to size!"
—JOAN FRIED, R.N.



The New Female Sex Hormones

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most dramatic results produced by the new synthetics have been those associated with pregnancy. Hundreds of formerly childless women can now hope to experience motherhood for the first time.

Doctors have long known that about half of all abortions are caused by progesterone deficiency. Until now, such women had to take a daily high-dosage injection of natural progesterone—an expensive and painful procedure.

The new synthetics reach the pregnant uterus in higher concentrations than progesterone does. For this reason, the effects of a single injection may last for two weeks. Hydroxyprogesterone caproate (Delalutin), injected intramuscularly at intervals, has enabled a number of habitual aborters to deliver full-time healthy babies.

Hydroxyprogesterone acetate (Prodox) has been successful in promoting pregnancy in patients with corpus luteum failure. So has norethindrone (Norlutin). Both these drugs are conveniently given by mouth.

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Though this theory isn't widely accepted, two such uter-ine-relaxing hormones have recently been isolated from the corpus luteum: One of them, luturin (Lutrexin), often prevents and overcomes menstrual cramps. The other, relaxin (Releasin, Cervilaxin), tends to calm the uterus.

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Administered regularly between the 28th and 36th weeks of pregnancy, relaxin has saved many babies who otherwise might have been born prematurely. Given during labor, this hormone relaxes the cervical tissues at the outlet of the uterus. Uterine contractions are then more effective, shortening the period of labor.

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ny way you look at it, ski-patrol duty is something pretty special. But for Nurse Kay Thompson it has extra-special significance: It gives her the chance to combine her skill as a nurse with her skill as a skier. And they're both important, she finds, when a nasty spill occurs on her "beat."

Kay's beat is a wooded section near Denver, Colo., where she's a reservist in the Winter Park Ski Patrol. "I joined up last year," she explains, "after learning the hard way why a unit like ours is needed.

"In other words, I broke a leg. And there might have been complications if the ski patrol hadn't been on the job. Those boys knew more about first aid than I did!"

To qualify for patrol duty, Kay had to brush up on her first aid, pass the advanced course, and prove her skiing skill in a series of stiff tests.

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poison accidents happen? What are the chemicals most likely to ews and cause poisoning?

Just about anything at all car Many be toxic if misused. But about emicals half of all cases are caused by drugs and medicines.

Aspirin Can Be Lethal

Even ordinary aspirin tablets ch a p turn into killers when a child gets e label hold of a bottle and takes too many. In fact, aspirin and its sister-salicylate, oil of wintergreen, together cause more accidents among youngsters than any other medicines. Barbiturates lead the list where adults are concerned.

Another cause of poisoning is careless handling of caustic hether fluids. Often, people leave toxic liquids in drinking glasses, soda pop bottles, or measuring cups A thirsty tot comes along and gulps down the corrosive contents. Parents should be warned emphatically against transferring chemical solutions like bleach, lye, and ammonia from their original containers.

Federal laws require informative labeling for caustic chemicals, insecticides, rat poisons, and weed killers. But what about

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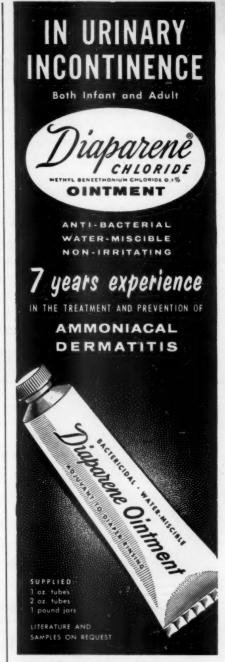
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ACCIDENTAL POISONINGS

ents don't know this. And they get no warning when these chemicals come camouflaged in attractively packaged products. So such a law would not only help doctors but would also serve as a warning to patients.

How to Avoid Trouble

The battle against accidental poisonings is being waged on several fronts. To help you join the fight, here are some suggestions from the Committee on Toxicology of the American Medical Association:

¶ Keep all drugs, poisonous

substances, and household chemicals out of the reach of children. (It's best to keep them locked in a closet or cupboard.)

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¶ Do not store nonedible products on shelves used for storing food. (It's easy to contaminate flour or baby formulas, for example, with insect powders.)

¶ Keep all poisonous substances in their original containers; do not transfer them to unlabeled containers. (Even adults can get confused if furniture polish, for instance, gets left in a mayonnaise jar.)

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¶ When medicines are to be discarded, destroy them. Don't throw them where they may be reached by children or pets. (Youngsters are great scavengers; they've often been known to dig discarded chemicals out of trash cans.)

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¶ When giving a flavored or brightly colored medicine to children, always refer to it as medicine—never as candy. (It's only natural for a child who's been fooled to eat more of the "candy" the first chance he gets.)

¶ Don't take or give medicine

in the dark. (That teaspoonful of "cough medicine" may turn out to be carbolic acid or carbon tetrachloride.)

Don't Experiment!

¶ Read labels before using chemical products. (Most products are safe only when used as directed.)

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Once you've had your will drawn (and have seen to it that your husband and other close relatives have done the same), remember to review it from time to time. For changes are bound to occur in financial or family circumstances. Such events as marriages, births, and divorces may automatically revoke an existing will in whole or in part. So even though a will doesn't take effect until death, it should be effective at all times.

Making a will may not be the most exhilarating of pastimes. But because your work keeps you constantly aware of the unpredictability of death, you'll surely want to safeguard your heirs' interests.

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throughout the country paid tribute to the memory of Mary M. Roberts, R.N., following her recent death in New York City.

Miss Roberts, 82, served as editor of the American Journal of Nursing from 1921 to 1949, and as editor emeritus for another ten years. She remained active in the latter capacity until three days before her death.

Test for Pre-Eclampsia Uses Nasal Specimen

Microscopic examination of nasal mucus may reveal toxemia of pregnancy before clinical signs appear, says an Ohio State University research team headed by Dr. John C. Ullery.

The team's findings—reported in the American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology—indicate that preeclampsia is marked by a changing ratio of sodium to potassium, and that this change is more readily detected in nasal mucus than in urine.

The significance of the report is this: The nasal-mucus smear test—a simple office procedure—paves the way for early treatment of toxemia, greatly increases the chances of a normal pregnancy, and minimizes the need for premature delivery.

The researchers also point out that the test enables the obstetrician to differentiate between patients with eclampsia due to pregnancy-connected hormonal activity and those with hypertension or renovascular disease not associated with pregnancy.

Diet Change Lowers Blood Cholesterol

Substitution of a new margarine for other dietary fats significantly lowers blood cholesterol levels, a study of 301 cases indicates.

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Recessed spotlights, housed in the dome and sides of an egg-shaped operating room, eliminate the need for turning a patient during difficult surgery, says Architect Paul Nelson of New York City, designer of six such O.R.s in a Copenhagen (Denmark) hospital. The recessed lights also minimize infection hazards, he contends, since overhead lighting fixtures are potential dust-gatherers.

Prep-Tray Sponges Cause Bacteremia

Sponges contaminated during storage in an antibacterial solution of a cationic detergent caused forty cases of bacteremia at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y. The sponges were used in skin preparation for intravenous infusions.

Drs. S. A. Plotkin and Robert Austrian, reporting in the American Journal of the Medical Sciences, say that use of the sponges caused thrombophlebitis at the site of injection and septicemia in some patients. They suggest that sponges shouldn't be stored in detergent solutions used for sterilizing. The reason: Cotton material can inactivate such solutions and allow organisms to survive.

Going to Alaska?

Statehood for Alaska is almost certain to focus attention on that area's long-standing need for more doctors, nurses, and other health personnel.

At last count, the vast new state (more than twice the size of Texas) had only about 100 M.D.s and 300 active R.N.s to serve a population of 210,000—including some 35,000 Eskimos, Indians, and Aleuts

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The state's twenty-seven hospitals range in size from tiny fiveand six-bed establishments to a couple of large ones, reserved for natives, with 340 and 406 beds respectively. None of the hospitals has a nursing school; in fact, the only training course available in Alaska is one for practical nurses, and its annual enrollment is reportedly small.

Breast Feeding is apparently on the wane. Dr. Herman F. Meyer of Northwestern University, after a survey of nearly 2,000 hospitals,

finds that two-thirds of the newborn are now bottle-fed. Only about one-third were so fed in 1946, he notes.

G. U. Infections Traced to Bedpans and Urinals

Contaminated bedpans and urinals are responsible for far too many postoperative infections of the urinary tract. So says Dr. J. W. Mc-Leod in the British medical journal Lancet.

The causative organism, *Pseudomonas pyocyanase*, Dr. McLeod notes, is not one of the normal flora of the external genitalia; so the common excuse that catheteri-

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"Steam sterilization of bedpans and urinals is not enough," says Dr. McLeod. "After emptying they should be left in a tank containing a 2% solution of carbolic acid and, when issued for use, should contain 100-200 ml. of the carbolic solution."

Who's Being Unionized In Texas?

After learning that some twenty local nurses had met with an A.F.L.-C.I.O. organizer, Houston (Tex.) reporters began asking questions. But they got few answers and little information.

The organizer, Frank McCarty, said the purpose of the meeting had been "to explore the possibility" of forming a nurses' union. Labor leaders, he added, had received "numerous requests" to form such a union and "do away with very bad working conditions of nurses."

Asked to comment, Mrs. Frances McGuffey, president of the district nurses' association, said:

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ic standards of registered nurses. I think it must have been vocational nurses who met with Mr. McCarty. Certainly no one has contacted me about it."

But vocational nurses "certainly have no bad working conditions," Mrs. Verlie Graham, executive secretary of their state association told the Houston Press.

Had there been any trouble lately that might have reached union ears? Mrs. Graham could recall no trouble of any consequence whatever. "Anyway," she added, "can you conceive of a nurse walking out on a sick person because a union told her to? Can you imagine a labor organization telling a hospital what to do?"

Sputum Collection Is Made Easy

Collecting sputum specimens from patients with lung diseases has long been a problem for nurses: Often the patient can't cough up enough secretion from deep in the bronchi for a good specimen.

To overcome this difficulty, a team of doctors has developed a device called the Nebu-halent. It's described as an ordinary nebulizer with a propellent cartridge and a built-in heating unit.

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Disposable Enema May **did Cancer Detection**

Thanks to the disposable enema, says Drs. Thomas G. Rigney, Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and John R. Hill of the Mayo Clinic, proctosigmoidoscopy can now be made part of routine physical exminations, making possible early detection of cancer of the colon and rectum.

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nant growths give no warning sign," he says.

But approximately 70 per cent of them can be readily discovered by proctosigmoidoscopy."

Programs for mass detection of rectal and colonic cancer are hampered by the average individual's reluctance to perform a cleansing enema before appearing at the industrial clinic or doctor's office for a periodic check-up. But the speed and simplicity of the disposable enema is overcoming this reluctance, says Dr. Rigney, so it makes the procedure much easier for the physician. He reports that of 1,000 patients prepared with the disposable enema, only one needed a second preparation before proctosigmoidoscopy could be performed.

Arterial Grafting Urged To Save Life and Limb

Surgical replacement of diseased sections of blood vessels can obviate amputation in about 30 per cent of cases and give many an aneurysm patient "his only good chance for survival."

So says Dr. Brooke Roberts of the University of Pennsylvania.

The relatively new technique, he reports, is now well-enough established to be the surgeon's first consideration in obstructive arterial disease.

Hay-Fever Relief in one shot is on the horizon. Cornell University researchers are reportedly experimenting with a new, one-injection drug that seems to be as effective as those requiring fourteen to seventy injections.

Endotracheal Tubes Are Being Standardized

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Hypnosis Called Safer Than Anesthesia

Partial replacement of drug and thesia by hypnosis is foreseen b Dr. Robert D. Dripps, of the University of Pennsylvania. The good results already obtained, he says indicate that hypnosis is safer that drugs and has fewer after-effects

A specific example of the successful use of hypnosis is reported by Drs. Denys Kelsey and J. N. Barron in the British Medica Journal. They say they employed hypnosis to immobilize a patient during and after plastic surgery. In the postoperative period, it worked better than a cast, they report, since it prevented stiffening of the patient's joints.

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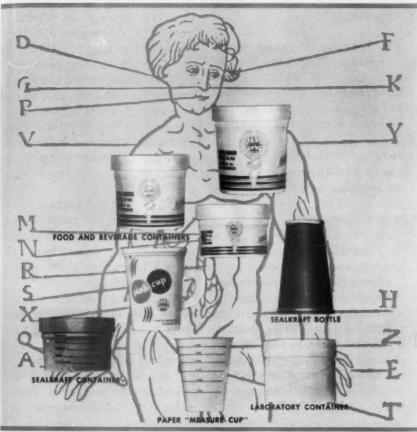
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At each stop, the assistant puts a face towel over the patient's nose and mouth. On the bed she places two wax-lined paper bags, an opened instrument pack, gauze, and alcohol sponges.

Now the surgeon steps up, removes the soiled dressing and drops it into one of the bags; removes his contaminated outer gloves and drops them into the second bag; cleans and redresses the wound; wraps the soiled instruments in their cover and puts them

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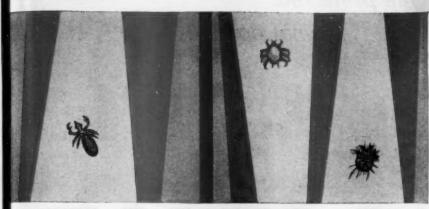


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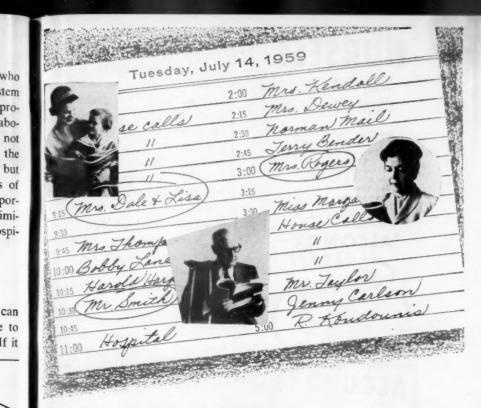
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Among the newly discovered viruses labeled "very dangerous" is the "salivary gland virus." This "semiorganism" is said to exist asymptomatically in one out of ten healthy urban children of nursery age. Under certain conditions, it produces degenerative changes in vital organs and can cause mental deficiency, investigators say.

Babies Transfer Staph From Hospital to Home

Two infants born during outbreaks of a staphylococcic infection in a hospital nursery carried the infection home and transferred it to members of their families, say Drs. V. Hurst and M. Grossman in California Medicine.

During the first eight months of one baby's life and the first three months of the other's, evidence of staph infection appeared in nearly every member of both families, the two doctors report. They add: Antibiotic therapy apparently fails to overcome the organism although clinical signs of infection may disappear.

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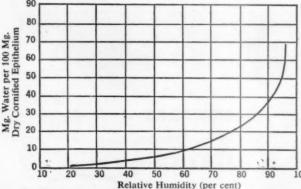
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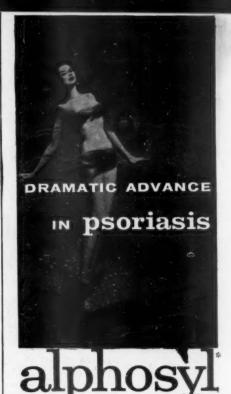
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